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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to corporations; to amend sections 21-302, 2 21-303, 21-305, 21-311, 21-314, 21-321, 21-323.01, 21-325.01, 21-330, 21-20,182, 21-20,188, 21-2216, and 3 21-2217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 21-301, 21-304, 21-306, 21-313, 21-323, and 5 21-325, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002; to change 7 occupation tax provisions; to eliminate obsolete 8 provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide 9 operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

10 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 21-301, Revised Statutes Supplement,

- 2 2002, is amended to read:
- 3 21-301. (1) Each corporation organized under the laws of
- 4 this state, for profit, shall make a report in writing to the
- 5 Secretary of State, as of January 1, annually of each even-numbered
- 6 year, in such form as the Secretary of State may prescribe. The
- 7 report shall be signed by one of the following: The president, a
- 8 vice president, a secretary, or a treasurer of the corporation. The
- 9 report and annual biennial fee shall be forwarded to the Secretary
- 10 of State. The report and fee shall be due on March 1 of each
- 11 even-numbered year and shall become delinquent if not filed and
- 12 paid by April 15 of each even-numbered year. If the Secretary of
- 13 State finds that such report and annual biennial fee conform to the
- 14 requirements of the law, the Secretary of State shall file the
- 15 report. If the Secretary of State finds that the report or fee does
- 16 not conform, the Secretary of State shall return the report and fee
- 17 to the corporation for any necessary corrections.
- 18 (2) In each even-numbered year the The Secretary of State
- 19 shall cause a notice to be sent by United States mail to each
- 20 corporation for which a report and annual fee as described in this
- 21 section has not been received as of March 1. The notice shall
- 22 state that the report has not been received, that the report and
- 23 fee are due on March 1, and that the corporation will be dissolved
- 24 if the report and proper fee are not received by April 15.
- 25 Sec. 2. Section 21-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 26 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 27 21-302. (1) An annual report required under section
- 28 21-301 from a domestic corporation shall show (a) the exact

- 1 corporate name of the corporation; (b) the location of its
- 2 registered office; (c) the names of the president, secretary,
- 3 treasurer and members of the board of directors, with street
- 4 address of each; (d) the amount of paid-up capital stock; (e) the
- 5 nature and kind of business in which the corporation is engaged;
- 6 and (f) the change or changes, if any, in the above particulars
- 7 made since the last annual report.
- 8 (2) Commencing January 1, 1996, an annual The biennial
- 9 report required under section 21-301 from a domestic corporation
- 10 subject to the Business Corporation Act shall show:
- 11 (a) (1) The exact corporate name of the corporation;
- 12 (b) (2) The street address of the corporation's
- 13 registered office and the name of its registered agent at that
- 14 office in this state;
- 15 (c) (3) The street address of the corporation's principal
- 16 office;
- 17 (d) (4) The names and street addresses of the
- 18 corporation's directors and principal officers, which shall include
- 19 the president, secretary, and treasurer;
- 20 (e) (5) A brief description of the nature of the
- 21 corporation's business;
- 22 (f) (6) The amount of paid-up capital stock; and
- $\frac{\text{(g)}}{\text{(f)}}$ The change or changes, if any, in the above
- 24 particulars made since the last annual biennial report.
- Sec. 3. Section 21-303, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 26 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 27 21-303. (1) At the time of filing such annual report
- 28 each even-numbered year it shall be the duty of every corporation

1 for profit, and registered in the office of the Secretary of State

2 on January 1, whether incorporated under the laws of this state or

3 incorporated under the laws of any other state when such

4 corporations have domesticated in this state, to pay to the

5 Secretary of State an annual a biennial fee for the each

6 even-numbered calendar year beginning January 1, which fee shall be

7 due and assessable on such date and delinquent if not paid on or

8 before April 15 of each even-numbered year.

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(2) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the annual biennial fee shall be as follows: When the paid-up capital stock of a corporation does not exceed ten thousand dollars, a fee of thirteen twenty-six dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds ten thousand dollars but does not exceed twenty thousand dollars, a fee of twenty forty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds twenty thousand dollars but does not exceed thirty thousand dollars, a fee of thirty sixty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds thirty thousand dollars but does not exceed forty thousand dollars, a fee of forty eighty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds forty thousand dollars but does not exceed fifty thousand dollars, a fee of fifty one hundred dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed sixty thousand dollars, a fee of sixty one hundred twenty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds sixty thousand dollars but does not exceed seventy thousand dollars, a fee of seventy one hundred forty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds seventy thousand dollars but does not exceed eighty thousand dollars, a fee of eighty one hundred sixty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds eighty thousand

dollars but does not exceed ninety thousand dollars, a fee of 1 2 minety one hundred eighty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock 3 exceeds ninety thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred 4 thousand dollars, a fee of one two hundred dollars; when such 5 paid-up capital stock exceeds one hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, a fee of ene 7 hundred twenty two hundred forty dollars; when such paid-up capital 8 stock exceeds one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars, a fee of one hundred 9 forty two hundred eighty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock 10 11 exceeds one hundred fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed one 12 hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, a fee of one hundred sixty 13 three hundred twenty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock 14 exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars but does not 15 exceed two hundred thousand dollars, a fee of one hundred eighty three hundred sixty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock 16 17 exceeds two hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, a fee of two four hundred 18 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds two hundred 19 20 twenty-five thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty 21 thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred twenty four hundred forty 22 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred seventy-five 23 24 thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred forty four hundred eighty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds two hundred 25 26 seventy-five thousand dollars but does not exceed three hundred 27 thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred sixty five hundred twenty 28 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds three hundred

thousand dollars but does not exceed three hundred twenty-five 1 2 thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred eighty five hundred sixty 3 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds three hundred 4 twenty-five thousand dollars but does not exceed three hundred 5 fifty thousand dollars, a fee of three six hundred dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds three hundred fifty thousand 6 7 dollars but does not exceed four hundred thousand dollars, a fee of 8 three hundred thirty three six hundred sixty-six dollars; when such 9 paid-up capital stock exceeds four hundred thousand dollars but 10 does not exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars, a fee of three hundred sixty five seven hundred thirty dollars; when such paid-up 11 12 capital stock exceeds four hundred fifty thousand dollars but does 13 not exceed five hundred thousand dollars, a fee of four eight 14 hundred dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds five 15 hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed six hundred thousand 16 dollars, a fee of four hundred fifty five nine hundred ten dollars; 17 when such paid-up capital stock exceeds six hundred thousand 18 dollars but does not exceed seven hundred thousand dollars, a fee of five hundred five one thousand ten dollars; when such paid-up 19 20 capital stock exceeds seven hundred thousand dollars but does not 21 exceed eight hundred thousand dollars, a fee of five hundred sixty 22 one thousand one hundred twenty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds eight hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed 23 nine hundred thousand dollars, a fee of six hundred fifteen one 24 25 thousand two hundred thirty dollars; when such paid-up capital 26 stock exceeds nine hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed one million dollars, a fee of six hundred sixty five one thousand three 27 28 hundred thirty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds one

million dollars but does not exceed ten million dollars, a fee of 1 2 six hundred sixty five one thousand three hundred thirty dollars, 3 and four eight hundred dollars additional for each million or 4 fraction thereof over and above one million dollars; when such 5 paid-up capital stock exceeds ten million dollars but does not 6 exceed fifteen million dollars, a fee of six twelve thousand 7 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds fifteen million 8 dollars but does not exceed twenty million dollars, a fee of seven 9 thousand three hundred thirty fourteen thousand six hundred sixty 10 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds twenty million dollars but does not exceed twenty-five million dollars, a fee of 11 12 eight thousand six hundred sixty five seventeen thousand three 13 hundred thirty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds 14 twenty-five million dollars but does not exceed fifty million 15 dollars, a fee of ten thousand three hundred thirty twenty thousand six hundred sixty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds 16 17 fifty million dollars but does not exceed one hundred million 18 dollars, a fee of ten thousand six hundred sixty-five twenty-one thousand three hundred thirty dollars; and when such paid-up 19 20 capital stock exceeds one hundred million dollars, a fee of eleven 21 thousand nine hundred ninety five twenty-three thousand nine 22 hundred ninety dollars. The minimum annual biennial fee for filing such report shall be thirteen twenty-six dollars. For purposes of 23 determining the annual fee, the stock of corporations incorporated 24 25 under the laws of any other state, which corporations have 26 domesticated in this state and which stock is without par value, 27 shall be deemed to have a par value of an amount equal to the 28 amount paid in as capital for such shares at the time of the

1 issuance thereof.

2 (3) For 1993 and 1994, the annual fee shall be as 3 follows: When the paid up capital stock of a corporation does not 4 exceed ten thousand dollars, a fee of forty three dollars; when 5 such paid up capital stock exceeds ten thousand dollars but does 6 not exceed twenty thousand dollars, a fee of fifty dollars; when 7 such paid-up capital stock exceeds twenty thousand dollars but does 8 not exceed thirty thousand dollars, a fee of sixty dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds thirty thousand dollars but does 9 10 not exceed forty thousand dollars, a fee of seventy dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds forty thousand dollars but does 11 12 not exceed fifty thousand dollars, a fee of eighty dollars; when 13 such paid up capital stock exceeds fifty thousand dollars but does 14 not exceed sixty thousand dollars, a fee of ninety dollars, when 15 such paid-up capital stock exceeds sixty thousand dollars but does 16 not exceed seventy thousand dollars, a fee of one hundred dollars; 17 when such paid-up capital stock exceeds seventy thousand dollars 18 but does not exceed eighty thousand dollars, a fee of one hundred 19 ten dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds eighty 20 thousand dollars but does not exceed ninety thousand dollars, a fee 21 of one hundred twenty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds ninety thousand dollars but does not exceed one hundred 22 23 thousand dollars; a fee of one hundred thirty dollars; when such 24 paid up capital stock exceeds one hundred thousand dollars but does 25 not exceed one hundred twenty five thousand dollars, a fee of one 26 hundred eighty dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars but does not exceed one 27 28 hundred fifty thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred dollars; when

1 such paid-up capital stock exceeds one hundred fifty thousand 2 dollars but does not exceed one hundred seventy-five thousand 3 dollars, a fee of two hundred twenty dollars; when such paid-up 4 capital stock exceeds one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars but 5 does not exceed two hundred thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred 6 forty dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds two hundred 7 thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred twenty five 8 thousand dollars, a fee of two hundred sixty dollars; when such 9 paid-up capital stock exceeds two hundred twenty five thousand dollars but does not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, a 10 fee of two hundred eighty dollars; when such paid up capital stock 11 12 exceeds two hundred fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed two 13 hundred seventy five thousand dollars, a fee of three hundred 14 dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds two hundred 15 seventy-five thousand dollars but does not exceed three hundred 16 thousand dollars; a fee of three hundred twenty dollars; when such 17 paid-up capital stock exceeds three hundred thousand dollars but 18 does not exceed three hundred twenty five thousand dollars, a fee 19 of three hundred forty dollars; when such paid up capital stock 20 exceeds three hundred twenty five thousand dollars but does not 21 exceed three hundred fifty thousand dollars, a fee of three hundred ninety dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds three 22 23 hundred fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed four hundred 24 thousand dollars, a fee of four hundred twenty-three dollars, when 25 such paid-up capital stock exceeds four hundred thousand dollars 26 but does not exceed four hundred fifty thousand dollars, a fee of four hundred fifty-five dollars; when such paid-up capital stock 27 exceeds four hundred fifty thousand dollars but does not exceed 28

1 five hundred thousand dollars, a fee of four hundred ninety 2 dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds five hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed six hundred thousand dollars, 4 a fee of five hundred forty-five dollars; when such paid-up capital 5 stock exceeds six hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed 6 seven hundred thousand dollars, a fee of five hundred ninety five 7 dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds seven hundred 8 thousand dollars but does not exceed eight hundred thousand 9 dollars, a fee of six hundred fifty dollars; when such paid up 10 capital stock exceeds eight hundred thousand dollars but does not exceed nine hundred thousand dollars, a fee of seven hundred five 11 12 dollars; when such paid up capital stock exceeds nine hundred 13 thousand dollars but does not exceed one million dollars, a fee of 14 seven hundred fifty five dollars; when such paid up capital stock 15 exceeds one million dollars but does not exceed ten million 16 dollars, a fee of seven hundred eighty five dollars, and four 17 hundred dollars additional for each million or fraction thereof 18 over and above one million dollars; when such paid up capital stock 19 exceeds ten million dollars but does not exceed fifteen million 20 dollars, a fee of six thousand one hundred twenty dollars; when 21 such paid up capital stock exceeds fifteen million dollars but does not exceed twenty million dollars, a fee of seven thousand four 22 23 hundred fifty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds 24 twenty million dollars but does not exceed twenty-five million 25 dollars, a fee of eight thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars, 26 when such paid-up capital stock exceeds twenty-five million dollars but does not exceed fifty million dollars, a fee of ten thousand 27 four hundred fifty dollars; when such paid-up capital stock exceeds 28

fifty million dollars but does not exceed one hundred million 1 2 dollars, a fee of ten thousand seven hundred eighty-five dollars; 3 and when such paid-up capital stock exceeds one hundred million 4 dollars, a fee of twelve thousand one hundred fifteen dollars. The 5 minimum annual fee for filing such report shall be forty three 6 dollars. For purposes of determining the annual fee, the stock of 7 corporations incorporated under the laws of any other state, which 8 corporations have domesticated in this state and which stock is 9 without par value, shall be deemed to have a par value of an amount 10 equal to the amount paid in as capital for such shares at the time

12 Section 21-304, Revised Statutes Supplement, Sec. 4. 2002, is amended to read:

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of the issuance thereof.

14 21-304. (1) Each foreign corporation for profit, doing 15 business in this state, owning or using a part or all of its 16 capital or plant in this state, and subject to compliance with all 17 other provisions of law shall, in addition to all other statements required by law, make an annual a biennial report in writing, to 18 19 the Secretary of State, as of January 1 of each even-numbered year, 20 in such form as the Secretary of State may prescribe. The report 21 shall be signed by one of the following: The president, a vice 22 president, a secretary, or a treasurer of the corporation. report and annual biennial fee shall be forwarded to the Secretary 23 24 of State. The report and fee shall be due on March 1 of each even-numbered year and shall become delinquent if not filed and 25 26 paid by April 15 of each even-numbered year. If the Secretary of State finds that such report and annual biennial fee conform to the 27

requirements of the law, the Secretary of State shall file the

1 report. If the Secretary of State finds that the report and fee do

- 2 not conform, the Secretary of State shall return the report and fee
- 3 to the corporation for any necessary corrections.
- 4 (2) In each even-numbered year the The Secretary of State
- 5 shall cause a notice to be sent by United States mail to each
- 6 corporation for which a report and annual fee as described in this
- 7 section has not been received as of March 1. The notice shall
- 8 state that the report has not been received, that the report and
- 9 fee are due on March 1, and that the corporation will be dissolved
- 10 if the report and proper fee are not received by April 15 $\underline{\text{of}}$ each
- 11 even-numbered year.
- 12 Sec. 5. Section 21-305, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 13 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 14 21-305. (1) An annual report required under section
- 15 21 304 from a foreign corporation shall show (a) the exact
- 16 corporate name of the corporation; (b) under the laws of what state
- 17 or country organized; (c) the location of its registered office in
- 18 Nebraska; (d) the mailing address of the corporation; (e) the names
- 19 of the president, secretary, treasurer, and members of the board of
- 20 directors, with the street address of each; (f) the nature and kind
- 21 of business in which the company is engaged; (g) the value of the
- 22 property owned and used by the company in Nebraska and where such
- 23 property is situated; and (h) the change or changes; if any, in the
- 24 above particulars made since the last annual report.
- 25 (2) Commencing January 1, 1996, an annual The biennial
- 26 report required under section 21-304 from a foreign corporation
- 27 subject to the Business Corporation Act shall show:
- 28 (a) (1) The exact corporate name of the foreign

1 corporation and the name of the state or country under whose law it

- 2 is incorporated;
- 3 (b) (2) The street address of the foreign corporation's
- 4 registered office and the name of its registered agent at that
- 5 office in this state;
- 6 (a) (3) The street address of the foreign corporation's
- 7 principal office;
- 8 (d) (4) The names and street addresses of the foreign
- 9 corporation's directors and principal officers which shall include
- 10 the president, secretary, and treasurer;
- 11 (e) (5) A brief description of the nature of the foreign
- 12 corporation's business;
- 13 (f) (6) The value of the property owned and used by the
- 14 foreign corporation in Nebraska and where such property is
- 15 situated; and
- 16 (g) (7) The change or changes, if any, in the above
- 17 particulars made since the last annual report.
- 18 Sec. 6. Section 21-306, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 19 2002, is amended to read:
- 20 21-306. Upon the filing of such report the biennial
- 21 report required under section 21-304 with the Secretary of State,
- 22 it shall be the duty of every foreign corporation for profit, doing
- 23 business in this state, to pay to the Secretary of State an annual
- 24 a biennial fee which shall be for the each even-numbered calendar
- 25 year beginning January 1 and become due and assessable on March 1
- 26 of that year and become delinquent if not paid by April 15 of each
- 27 even-numbered year. The fee shall be measured by the property
- 28 employed by the foreign corporation in the conduct of its business

1 in the State of Nebraska. For such purpose the property shall

- 2 consist of the sum total of the actual value of all real estate and
- 3 personal property employed in Nebraska by such foreign corporation
- 4 in the transaction of its business. The annual biennial fee to be
- 5 paid by such foreign corporation shall be based upon the sum so
- 6 determined, and shall be considered the capital stock of such
- 7 foreign corporation in this state for the purpose of the annual
- 8 biennial fee. The schedule of payment shall be double the fees set
- 9 forth in section 21-303, or any amendments thereto, except that the
- 10 fee shall not exceed fifteen thirty thousand dollars, and the
- 11 Secretary of State, or any person deputized by the Secretary of
- 12 State, shall have authority to investigate and obtain information
- 13 from such corporation or any state, county, or city official. Such
- 14 officers are authorized by this section to furnish such information
- 15 to the Secretary of State, or anyone deputized by the Secretary of
- 16 State, in order to determine all facts and give effect to the
- 17 collection of the annual biennial fee.
- 18 Sec. 7. Section 21-311, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 19 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 20 21-311. The Secretary of State shall make a report
- 21 monthly to the Tax Commissioner of the annual biennial fees
- 22 collected under sections 21-301 to 21-325 and shall pay the same
- 23 into the state treasury to the credit of the General Fund. The
- 24 report shall include the amount of any refunds paid out under
- 25 section 21-328.
- 26 Sec. 8. Section 21-313, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 27 2002, is amended to read:
- 28 21-313. If a corporation required to file the report and

1 pay the fee prescribed in sections 21-301 to 21-325 fails or

- 2 neglects to make such report or pay such fee by April 15 of each
- 3 even-numbered year, such corporation shall be automatically
- 4 dissolved on April 16 of such year.
- 5 Sec. 9. Section 21-314, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 6 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 7 21-314. Such annual biennial fee or fees to be paid as
- 8 provided in sections 21-301 to 21-325 may be recovered by an action
- 9 in the name of the state and on collection shall be paid into the
- 10 treasury to the credit of the General Fund.
- 11 Sec. 10. Section 21-321, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 13 21-321. All banking, insurance, and building and loan
- 14 association corporations paying fees and making reports to the
- 15 Auditor of Public Accounts or the Director of Banking and Finance
- 16 and all other corporations paying an annual occupation tax to the
- 17 state under any other statutory provisions than those of sections
- 18 21-301 to 21-325 shall be exempt from the provisions of such
- 19 sections.
- 20 Sec. 11. Section 21-323, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 21 2002, is amended to read:
- 22 21-323. (1) Prior to January 1 of each even-numbered
- 23 year, the Secretary of State shall cause to be mailed by
- 24 first-class mail to the last-named and appointed registered agent
- 25 at the last-named street address of the registered office of each
- 26 domestic corporation subject to sections 21-301 to 21-325 a notice
- 27 stating that on or before March 1 of each even-numbered year
- 28 occupation taxes are due to be paid and a properly executed and

1 signed report is due to be filed. If occupation taxes are not paid

- 2 and the report is not filed by April 15 of each even-numbered year,
- 3 (a) such taxes and report shall become delinquent, (b) the
- 4 delinquent corporation shall be automatically dissolved on April 16
- 5 of such year for nonpayment of occupation taxes and failure to file
- 6 the report, and (c) the delinquent occupation tax shall be a lien
- 7 upon the assets of the corporation subsequent only to state,
- 8 county, and municipal taxes.
- 9 (2) Upon the failure of any domestic corporation to pay
- 10 its occupation tax and file the report within the time limited by
- 11 sections 21-301 to 21-325, the Secretary of State shall on April 16
- 12 of such year automatically dissolve the corporation for nonpayment
- 13 of taxes and make such entry and showing upon the records of his or
- 14 her office.
- 15 (3)(a) The Secretary of State shall automatically
- 16 dissolve a corporation subject to the Business Corporation Act by
- 17 signing a certificate of dissolution that recites the ground or
- 18 grounds for dissolution and its effective date. The Secretary of
- 19 State shall file the original of the certificate and serve a copy
- 20 on the corporation under section 21-2034.
- 21 (b) A corporation automatically dissolved continues its
- 22 corporate existence but may not carry on any business, except that
- 23 business necessary to wind up and liquidate its business and
- 24 affairs under section 21-20,155 and notify claimants under sections
- 25 21-20,156 and 21-20,157.
- 26 (c) The automatic dissolution of a corporation shall not
- 27 terminate the authority of its registered agent.
- 28 (4) All delinquent occupation taxes of the corporation

1 shall be a lien upon the assets of the corporation, subsequent only

- 2 to state, county, and municipal taxes. Occupation taxes existing
- 3 and delinquent on August 28, 1943, shall cease to be a lien as
- 4 against any mortgagee, pledgee, purchaser, or judgment creditor
- 5 unless a notice of the lien is filed by the Secretary of State,
- 6 within one year after March 9, 1957, with the county clerk of the
- 7 county wherein the personal property sought to be charged with such
- 8 lien is situated, and with the county clerk or register of deeds of
- 9 the county wherein the real estate sought to be charged with such
- 10 lien is situated.
- 11 (5) No domestic corporation shall be voluntarily
- 12 dissolved until all occupation taxes and annual fees due to or
- 13 assessable by the state have been paid and the report filed by such
- 14 corporation.
- 15 Sec. 12. Section 21-323.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 16 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 17 21-323.01. (1) A corporation automatically dissolved
- 18 under section 21-323 may apply to the Secretary of State for
- 19 reinstatement. The application shall:
- 20 (a) Recite the name of the corporation and the effective
- 21 date of its automatic dissolution;
- 22 (b) State that the ground or grounds for dissolution
- 23 either did not exist or have been eliminated;
- 24 (c) State that the corporation's name satisfies the
- 25 requirements of section 21-2028; and
- 26 (d) Be accompanied by a fee in the amount prescribed in
- 27 section 21-2005, as such section may from time to time be amended,
- 28 for an application for reinstatement.

1 (2) If the Secretary of State determines (a) that the

- 2 application contains the information required by subsection (1) of
- 3 this section and that the information is correct and (b) that the
- 4 corporation has complied with subsection (4) of this section, he or
- 5 she shall cancel the certificate of dissolution, prepare a
- 6 certificate of reinstatement that recites his or her determination
- 7 and the effective date of reinstatement, file the original of the
- 8 certificate, and serve a copy on the corporation under section
- 9 21-2034.
- 10 (3) When the reinstatement is effective, it shall relate
- 11 back to and take effect as of the effective date of the automatic
- 12 dissolution and the corporation shall resume carrying on its
- 13 business as if the automatic dissolution had never occurred.
- 14 (4) A corporation applying for reinstatement under this
- 15 section shall:
- 16 (a) (i) Pay to the Secretary of State a sum equal to all
- 17 occupation taxes delinquent at the time the corporation was
- 18 automatically dissolved, plus a sum equal to all occupation taxes
- 19 which would otherwise have been due for the years the corporation
- 20 was automatically dissolved; and (ii) forward to the Secretary of
- 21 State a properly executed and signed annual biennial report for the
- 22 current most recent even-numbered year; and
- 23 (b) Pay to the Secretary of State an additional amount
- 24 derived by multiplying the rate specified in section 45-104.02, as
- 25 such rate may from time to time be adjusted, times the amount of
- 26 occupation taxes required to be paid by it for each year that such
- 27 corporation was automatically dissolved.
- Sec. 13. Section 21-325, Revised Statutes Supplement,

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2 21-325. (1) Prior to January 1 of each even-numbered 3 year, the Secretary of State shall cause to be mailed 4 first-class mail to the last-known address of each foreign 5 corporation subject to sections 21-301 to 21-325 a notice stating 6 that on or before March 1 of each even-numbered year occupation 7 taxes are due to be paid and a properly executed and signed report is due to be filed. If such occupation taxes are not paid and such 8 9 report is not filed by April 15 of each even-numbered year, (a) 10 such taxes and report shall become delinquent, (b) the delinquent corporation shall be automatically dissolved on April 16 of such 11 12 year for nonpayment of occupation taxes and failure to file the 13 report, and (c) the delinquent occupation tax shall be a lien upon the assets of the corporation subject only to state, county, and 14 15 municipal taxes.

(2) Upon the failure of any foreign corporation to pay its occupation tax and file the report within the time limited by sections 21-301 to 21-325, the Secretary of State shall on April 16 of such year automatically dissolve the corporation for nonpayment of taxes and shall bar the corporation from doing business in the State of Nebraska under the corporation laws of the state and make such entry and showing upon the records of his or her office.

(3) (a) The Secretary of State shall automatically dissolve a foreign corporation subject to the Business Corporation Act by signing a certificate of revocation of authority to transact business in this state that recites the ground or grounds for revocation and its effective date. The Secretary of State shall file the original of the certificate and serve a copy on the

- 1 foreign corporation under section 21-20,177.
- 2 (b) The authority of a foreign corporation to transact
- 3 business in this state shall cease on the date shown on the
- 4 certificate revoking its certificate of authority.
- 5 (c) Revocation of a foreign corporation's certificate of
- 6 authority shall not terminate the authority of the registered agent
- 7 of the corporation.
- 8 (4) All delinquent corporation taxes of the corporation
- 9 shall be a lien upon the assets of the corporation within the
- 10 state, subsequent only to state, county, and municipal taxes.
- 11 Nothing in sections 21-322 to 21-325 shall be construed to allow a
- 12 foreign corporation to do business in Nebraska without complying
- 13 with the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14 (5) No foreign corporation shall be voluntarily withdrawn
- 15 until all occupation taxes due to or assessable by the state have
- 16 been paid and the report filed by such corporation.
- 17 Sec. 14. Section 21-325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 18 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 19 21-325.01. (1) A foreign corporation, the certificate of
- 20 authority of which has been revoked under section 21-325, may apply
- 21 to the Secretary of State for reinstatement. The application
- 22 shall:
- 23 (a) Recite the name of the foreign corporation and the
- 24 effective date of the revocation;
- 25 (b) State that the ground or grounds for revocation
- 26 either did not exist or have been eliminated;
- 27 (c) State that the foreign corporation's name satisfies
- 28 the requirements of section 21-20,173; and

1 (d) Be accompanied by a fee in the amount prescribed in

- 2 section 21-2005, as such section may from time to time be amended,
- 3 for an application for reinstatement.
- 4 (2) If the Secretary of State determines (a) that the
- 5 application contains the information required by subsection (1) of
- 6 this section and that the information is correct and (b) that the
- 7 foreign corporation has complied with subsection (4) of this
- 8 section, he or she shall cancel the certificate of revocation,
- 9 prepare a certificate of reinstatement that recites his or her
- 10 determination and the effective date of reinstatement, file the
- 11 original of the certificate, and serve a copy on the foreign
- 12 corporation under section 21-20,177.
- 13 (3) When the reinstatement is effective, it shall relate
- 14 back to and take effect as of the effective date of the revocation
- 15 and the foreign corporation shall resume carrying on its business
- 16 as if the revocation had never occurred.
- 17 (4) A foreign corporation applying for reinstatement
- 18 under this section shall:
- 19 (a) (i) Pay to the Secretary of State a sum equal to all
- 20 occupation taxes delinquent as of the effective date of the
- 21 revocation, plus a sum equal to all occupation taxes which would
- 22 otherwise have been due for the years the foreign corporation's
- 23 certificate of authority was revoked; and (ii) forward to the
- 24 Secretary of State a properly executed and signed annual biennial
- 25 report for the current most recent even-numbered year; and
- 26 (b) Pay to the Secretary of State an additional amount
- 27 derived by multiplying the rate specified in section 45-104.02, as
- 28 such rate may from time to time be adjusted, times the amount of

1 occupation taxes required to be paid by it for each year that such

- 2 foreign corporation's certificate of authority was revoked.
- 3 Sec. 15. Section 21-330, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 21-330. Any corporation which has paid tax in excess of
- 6 the proper amount of the occupation tax imposed in sections 21-301
- 7 to 21-325 for any year shall be entitled to a refund of such excess
- 8 payment. Claims for refund shall be filed with the Secretary of
- 9 State or may be submitted by the Secretary of State based on his or
- 10 her own investigation. If approved or submitted by the Secretary
- 11 of State, the claim shall be forwarded to the State Treasurer for
- 12 payment from the General Fund.
- 13 Sec. 16. Section 21-20,182, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 14 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 15 21-20,182. (1) A corporation shall keep as permanent
- 16 records the minutes of all meetings of its shareholders and board
- 17 of directors, a record of all actions taken by the shareholders or
- 18 board of directors without a meeting, and a record of all actions
- 19 taken by a committee of the board of directors in place of the
- 20 board of directors on behalf of the corporation.
- 21 (2) A corporation shall maintain appropriate accounting
- 22 records.
- 23 (3) A corporation or its agent shall maintain a record of
- 24 its shareholders in a form that permits preparation of a list of
- 25 the names and addresses of all shareholders in alphabetical order
- 26 by class of shares showing the number and class of shares held by
- 27 each shareholder.
- 28 (4) A corporation shall maintain its records in written

1 form or in another form capable of conversion into written form

- 2 within a reasonable time.
- 3 (5) A corporation shall keep a copy of the following
- 4 records at its principal office:
- 5 (a) Its articles or restated articles of incorporation
- 6 and all amendments thereto currently in effect;
- 7 (b) Its bylaws or restated bylaws and all amendments
- 8 thereto currently in effect;
- 9 (c) Resolutions adopted by its board of directors
- 10 creating one or more classes or series of shares and fixing their
- 11 relative rights, preferences, and limitations if shares issued
- 12 pursuant to those resolutions are outstanding;
- 13 (d) The minutes of all shareholders' meetings and records
- 14 of all action taken by shareholders without a meeting for the past
- 15 three years;
- 16 (e) All written communications to shareholders generally
- 17 within the past three years, including the financial statements
- 18 furnished for the past three years under section 21-20,186;
- 19 (f) A list of the names and business addresses of its
- 20 current directors and officers; and
- 21 (g) Its most recent annual biennial report delivered to
- 22 the Secretary of State under section 21-301.
- Sec. 17. Section 21-20,188, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 24 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 25 21-20,188. Each domestic corporation and each foreign
- 26 corporation authorized to transact business in this state shall
- 27 deliver to the Secretary of State for filing an annual a biennial
- 28 report as required under section 21-301 or 21-304.

Sec. 18. Section 21-2216, Reissue Revised Statutes of

2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 21-2216. (1) No corporation shall open, operate, or 4 maintain an establishment or do business for any purposes set forth 5 in the Nebraska Professional Corporation Act without (a) filing 6 with the Secretary of State a certificate of registration from the 7 regulating board of the particular profession for which the 8 professional corporation is organized to do business, which 9 certificate shall set forth the name and residence addresses of all 10 shareholders as of the last day of the month preceding such filing, and (b) certifying that all shareholders, directors, and officers, 11 12 except the secretary and the assistant secretary, are duly licensed 13 to render the same professional services as those for which the 14 corporation was organized. Application for a certificate of 15 registration shall be made by the professional corporation to the 16 regulating board in writing and shall contain the names of all 17 officers, directors, shareholders, and professional employees of 18 the professional corporation, the street address at which the 19 applicant proposes to perform professional services, and such other 20 information as may be required by the regulating board.

21 appears to the regulating board that each 22 shareholder, officer, director, and professional employee of the 23 applicant, except the secretary and the assistant secretary, is 24 licensed to practice the profession of the applicant and that each 25 shareholder, officer, director, or professional employee is not otherwise disqualified from performing the professional services of 26 27 the applicant, such regulating board shall certify, in duplicate 28 upon a form bearing its date of issuance and prescribed by such

1 regulating board, that such proposed or existing professional

- 2 corporation complies with the provisions of the act and of the
- 3 applicable rules and regulations of such regulating board. Each
- 4 applicant for such registration certificate shall pay such
- 5 regulating board a fee of twenty-five dollars for the issuance of
- 6 such duplicate certificate.
- One copy of such certificate shall be prominently exposed
- 8 to public view upon the premises of the principal place of business
- 9 of each professional corporation organized under the act, and one
- 10 copy shall be filed by the professional corporation with the
- 11 Secretary of State who shall charge a fee of twenty-five dollars
- 12 for filing the same. The certificate from the regulating board
- 13 shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State together
- 14 with the articles of incorporation. A registration certificate
- 15 bearing an issuance date more than twelve months old shall not be
- 16 eligible for filing with the Secretary of State.
- 17 (2) When licensing records of regulating boards are
- 18 electronically accessible, the Secretary of State shall access the
- 19 records. The access shall be made in lieu of the certificate of
- 20 registration or registration certificate being prepared and issued
- 21 by the regulating board. The professional corporation shall file
- 22 with the Secretary of State an application setting forth the name
- 23 and residence addresses of all officers, directors, shareholders,
- 24 and professional employees as of the last day of the month
- 25 preceding the date of the application and shall file with the
- 26 Secretary of State an annual a biennial update thereafter. Each
- 27 application shall be accompanied by a licensure verification fee of
- 28 fifty dollars. The Secretary of State shall verify that all of the

1 directors, officers, shareholders, and professional employees

- 2 listed on the application, except for the secretary and assistant
- 3 secretary, are duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized to
- 4 render the same professional service or an ancillary service as
- 5 those for which the professional corporation was organized.
- 6 Verification shall be done by electronically accessing the
- 7 regulating board's licensing records. If any director, officer,
- 8 shareholder, or professional employee is not licensed or otherwise
- 9 legally authorized to perform the professional service that the
- 10 professional corporation was organized to render, the corporation
- 11 will be suspended. The annual biennial report and tax cannot be
- 12 filed and paid in the office of the Secretary of State until the
- 13 corporation attests in writing that the director, officer,
- 14 shareholder, or professional employee is licensed or otherwise
- 15 legally authorized to practice, which shall be verified by the
- 16 Secretary of State, or is no longer a director, officer,
- 17 shareholder, or professional employee of the corporation. When the
- 18 annual biennial report and the tax become delinquent, the
- 19 corporation shall be dissolved for nonpayment of taxes in
- 20 compliance with section 21-323.
- 21 Sec. 19. Section 21-2217, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 22 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 23 21-2217. Each registration certificate issued to each
- 24 applicant shall expire by its own terms one year from the date of
- 25 issuance and may not be renewed. Each professional corporation
- 26 must annually apply to its regulating board for a registration
- 27 certificate in the manner provided in section 21-2216. A
- 28 certificate from the regulating board as provided in section

1 21-2216 must annually be filed with the Secretary of State within

- 2 thirty days of the expiration date of the last certificate on file
- 3 in the office of the Secretary of State or such corporation shall
- 4 be suspended. If the corporation is suspended, the annual biennial
- 5 report and tax cannot be filed and paid in the office of the
- 6 Secretary of State until the certificate from the regulating board
- 7 is filed in the office of the Secretary of State. If the report is
- 8 not filed, the tax paid, and the certificate filed by April 16 of
- 9 the current year, when the report and tax become delinquent, the
- 10 corporation shall be dissolved for nonpayment of taxes in
- 11 compliance with section 21-323. Registration certificates shall
- 12 not be transferable or assignable.
- 13 Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2005.
- 14 Sec. 21. Original sections 21-302, 21-303, 21-305,
- 15 21-311, 21-314, 21-321, 21-323.01, 21-325.01, 21-330, 21-20,182,
- 16 21-20,188, 21-2216, and 21-2217, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 17 Nebraska, and sections 21-301, 21-304, 21-306, 21-313, 21-323, and
- 18 21-325, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2002, are repealed.